

I. Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following new paragraph before line 1 of page 1 of the specification:

This application is a 371 of PCT/CA00/01001, and claims benefit of U.S. patent Application No. 60/152,282, filed September 3, 1999.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 5 of the specification with the following new paragraph:

Preferably, each protective sleeve 145 is connected to support leg 105 via a coupling nut 140 ~~150~~. The details of this connection are preferably as set out in copending United States patent application S. N. 09/258,142 (Trautenberg et al.), now U.S. Patent No. 6,646,269.